

**RESOLUTION 21-07**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**  
**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) UPDATING**  
**THE SGVCOG OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the SGVCOG adopts various policies and white papers to outline the position of the agency on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley.

**WHEREAS**, the policies are developed based on feedback and input from SGVCOG policy committees, city staff, and stakeholders.

**WHEREAS**, the SGVCOG Open Space Preservation Policy was adopted by the Governing Board on July 21, 2011 to promote open space through appropriate use of natural resources and proper placement of developments.

**WHEREAS**, updates to the adopted Open Space Preservation Policy demonstrate the SGVCOG's continued commitment to promote quality of life for all citizens, protect the San Gabriel Valley's unique watershed and natural environments, and prevent illegal activities and the spread of invasive species.

**WHEREAS**, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened on January 20, 2021 and voted to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the revised changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the SGVCOG does hereby updates the SGVCOG Open Space Preservation Policy as shown in Exhibit A.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the 18th day of February 2021.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

  
Margaret Clark, President

**Attest:**

I, Marisa Creter, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, do hereby certify that Resolution 21-07 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board held on the 18th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sierra Madre


  
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Marisa Creter, Secretary

Exhibit A

**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**  
**Open Space Preservation Policy**

*Updated February 18, 2021*

In 2011, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) adopted an Open Space Preservation Policy to promote open space through appropriate use of natural resources and proper placement of developments. Updates to the adopted Open Space Preservation Policy demonstrates the SGVCOG's continued commitment to promote quality of life for all citizens, protect the San Gabriel Valley's unique watershed and natural environments while guarding against wildfires, and prevent illegal activities (dumping and arson) and the spread of invasive species.

The SGVCOG continues to uphold the following principles when supporting open space preservation policies:

- Open spaces are land parcels that can be small to large, found both in undeveloped areas and within urban settings that provide natural and cultural resources.
- Open spaces generally should be accessible for passive public use and enjoyment.
- Trails should be developed where possible to provide access, including trails for horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, and off-highway vehicles, where appropriate.
- Open space should provide recreation and cultural opportunities for all age groups.
- Open space should be recognized for its health and economic benefits, and as a tool to assist with local governments' compliance with state and federal mandates.
- Concerns of local governments and private property owners should be respected and taken into consideration.

As a result, the SGVCOG and local governments shall lead their communities to achieve the goal of open space protection, conservation, enhancement, and acquisition by supporting programs and legislation that will:

1. Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public;
2. Recognize and preserve open space, watersheds, environmental habitats, and agricultural lands while accommodating new growth with strategies that de-emphasize automobile dependency, create a diversity of affordable housing near employment centers, and provide job opportunities for individuals of all ages and income levels;
3. Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat;
4. Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed;
5. Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors;
6. Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities;

7. Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource;
8. Advocate for parks and open space state and federal appropriations and bond measures as well as funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management; and
9. Promote a regional effort to protect and enhance open space connectivity for all San Gabriel Valley communities.